

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A retainer clip used on a fence post, the combination comprising:
- 5 a first portion fixedly attached to a part of the fence post; and
- a second, moveable portion hingedly attached at a first end thereof to a first end of the first portion, said second portion being disposed over said first portion and having a second end thereof in selective engagement with a second end of the first portion, wherein a loop and an elongated area are defined between the first and second portions
- 10 when said second end of the second portion is engaged with said second end of the first portion, said first portion and said second portion being made from a non-conducting material.
2. The retainer clip and fence post according to claim 1, wherein said non-
- 15 conducting material comprises plastic.
3. The retainer clip and fence post according to claim 1, wherein the loop is located adjacent the first ends of the first and second portions.
- 20 4. The retainer clip and fence post according to claim 3, wherein the elongated area is located between the loop and the second ends of the first and second portions.
5. The retainer clip and fence post according to claim 1, wherein the loop is generally circular.
- 25 6. The retainer clip and fence post according to claim 1, wherein the elongated area is generally rectangular.

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7. The retainer clip and fence post according to claim 4, wherein the second portion includes a finger extending therefrom toward the first portion, and said first portion includes a notch therein that receives said finger when the second ends are engaged.

5 8. The retainer clip and fence post according to claim 7, wherein said finger is located between said loop and said elongated area.

9. The retainer clip and fence post according to claim 1, wherein said first portion includes a tapered locking shoulder at said second end thereof, and said second portion includes a tapered locking tab at said second end thereof, said tapered locking shoulder and said tapered locking tab being engaged with each other in order to connect the second ends together.

10. The retainer clip and fence post according to claim 9, further including a finger actuated tab connected to the tapered locking tab for permitting release of the engagement between the locking shoulder and the locking tab.

11. The retainer clip and fence post according to claim 9, wherein said tapered locking shoulder and said tapered locking tab each include an angled side and a straight side, the angled sides facing each other when the second ends are disengaged and the straight sides facing each other when the second ends are engaged.

12. The retainer clip and fence post according to claim 1, wherein said first ends are integrally connected together.

13. The retainer clip and fence post according to claim 1, wherein said fence post part comprises a vertically extending portion of the fence post.

14. The retainer clip and fence post according to claim 13, wherein the fence post includes a head portion and a stem portion extending perpendicularly from the head portion, said first portion being fixedly attached to said head portion.

5 15. The retainer clip and fence post according to claim 1, wherein said fence post part comprises an elongate bar extending perpendicularly from the fence post.

16. The retainer clip and fence post according to claim 15, wherein said elongate bar is detachably secured to the fence post.

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17. The retainer clip and fence post according to claim 1, wherein said fence post part comprises an end cap secured to an end of the fence post.

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